(c) The impact of the new policy on new investment, creation of job opportunities and access to new and improved services can be gauged only after the contours of the revamp exercise is defined.

Joint venture for making satellites

*244. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ISRO has entered into an agreement with Boeing company to make satellites under joint ventures;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what will be the financial implications for ISRO;

(d) whether any profits are expected by ISRO; and

(e) to what extent ISRO would be able to technically contribute to this joint venture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Antrix Corporation, which is the commercial arm of Department of Space, are holding discussions with Boeing Satellite Systems of USA to jointly manufacture and market 2000 kg. class of communication satellites globally. However, there is no proposal for any joint venture.

(c) and (d) Financial aspects have not been finalized. However, the proposed teaming arrangement is expected to mutually benefit both the parties.

(e) The jointly built spacecraft is proposed to use the satellite platform developed by ISRO contributing towards state-of-art technology.

Number of unemployed persons

*245. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed persons from 2000-01 to 2003-04, State-wise;